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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY VANCE'S DEPARTURE ON LATEST MIDEAST TRIP OCCASIONS PESSIMISTIC HEADLINES IN ALGIERS PAPERS AUGUST 2 ON BASIS SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO JOURNALISTS, KING HUSSEIN'S STATEMENT TO "AN-NAHAR", AND COMMENTARIES IN "IZVESTIA" AND "FILASTIN ATH-THAWRA". ONLY EDITORIAL TO APPEAR IS EQUALLY PESSIMISTIC. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" HEADLINES: "MR. CYRUS VANCE IN EGYPT: TRIP MARKED WITH PESSIMISM". GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS ARABIC DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" HEADLINES: "VANCE ARRIVES IN ALEXANDRIA. CONFIRMATION THAT PROFOUND DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN PARTIES CONCERNED."

3. BOTH PAPERS REPORT SECRETARY VANCE'S DEPARTURE
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STATEMENT THAT "WE MUST TAKE REALITIES INTO ACCOUNT -- THERE ARE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PARTIES ON NUMEROUS QUESTIONS", AS WELL AS KING HUSSEIN'S SKEPTICISM ON CONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE AS EXPRESSED TO "AN-HAHAR AD-DUWALI WA AL-'ARABI". PAPERS ALSO CITE COMMENTARY IN "IZVESTIA" AT THAT "MR. VANCE'S MISSION CAN ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY CONTRIBUTE TO OPENING WAY TO PEACEFUL SOLUTION" AND

COMMENTARY IN PLO WEEKLY ORGAN "FILASTIN ATH-THAWRA" THAT "AFTER ALL HOPES ARAB LEADERS HAD PINNED ON AMERICA, IT IS BITTERLY IRONIC TO SEE PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCING ZIONIST PLAN PREPARED BY MOSHE DAYAN AND PRODUCED BY MENACHEM BIGIN ... TO ASSURE CONTINUED AMERICAN DOMINATION AND OCCUPATION OF REGION."

4. ONLY ALGERIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARS IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED CONSTANTINE ARABIC DAILY "AN-NASR". UNDER HEADLINE "GENEVA CONFERENCE: SEARCH FOR PEACE OR SLOW DESTRUCTION OF ARAB CAUSE?", PAPER WRITES IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL AUGUST 1: "ZIONIST POLICY HAS GROWN MORE INTRANSIGENT IN FACE OF ARAB DEMANDS.... WHY IS GENEVA CONFERENCE BEING HELD? WHAT WILL BE DEBATED...? ALL THESE INITIATIVES AND CONTACTS ... ARE IN REALITY ONLY MEANT TO DESTROY ARAB CAUSE LITTLE BY LITTLE.... HERE IS CYRUS VANCE, TAKING CARDS FROM HANDS OF KISSINGER, WHO RECEIVED THEM FROM ROGERS, TO ROAM AROUND ARAB CAPITALS AS HIS PREDECESSORS DID WHILE ZIONIST OCCUPATION, WHICH IS NOW TEN YEARS OLD, GROWS OLDER. TOMORROW, VANCE WILL BE GONE AND ANOTHER WILL COME TO TAKE UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF. ARAB CAUSE WILL CONTINUE -- AS THEY WISH -- TO BE OPPRESSED. IS THERE NO OTHER SOLUTION?"

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